



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service- VOLUNTEER Position Description

# Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge

### *Volunteer Park Ranger (Interpretation)*

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## Site Information

Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge is one of the largest Refuges in the nation, nearly the size South Carolina. Almost 70% of the Refuge is below 100' in elevation and consists of a broad flat delta with numerous lakes, ponds, and sloughs. The Refuge protects nesting waterfowl and shorebirds, 44 species of fish, moose, caribou, and both black and brown bears.

Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge headquarters are located in Bethel Alaska. Bethel is a regional hub community of 6,500 which is only accessible by airplane. There are three grocery stores, several restaurants, and a library with internet access.

### Contact Information

Kevin A. Melzo  
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907-543-3151  
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## Dates Needed

May 1st to September 30th. Dates are flexible within a week of start and end dates.

## Duties and Responsibilities

### *Results*

Visitors will have educational and informative opportunities.

Visitors will have more knowledge and understanding of the National Wildlife Refuge System and of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

### *Activities*

1. General Operations of Visitor Center: operating gift store and safekeeping of money, disseminate information to visitors, direct visitors to appropriate staff members.
2. Plan and present interpretive programs to diverse audiences.
3. Assist with Refuge participation with the Bethel Fair.
4. Special Projects as assigned or requested.
5. Field work may be available such goose banding.

## Conditions of Service

### *Background Investigation*

To volunteer for the federal government a basic background investigation is required. If working with children or on government systems you may need a more extensive check.

## **Training**

Training on visitor center operation and gift shop operation.  
Additional training opportunities may be arranged.

## **Work Environment**

1. Visitor Center work may be sedentary indoors.
2. Interpretive work may be done indoors or outdoors in local parks or on the tundra.
3. If field work is provided, may work in remote camps on the tundra.

## **Reimbursement**

1. Up to \$1,300 will be reimbursed for travel to and from Alaska.
2. Shared lodging will be provided.
3. While volunteering in Bethel, will receive a living allowance of \$25/day.
4. If participating in field work, will receive a living allowance of \$5/day and food will be provided.

## **To Apply**

Either mail or email a cover letter and resume to:

Yukon Delta NWR  
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## **Notes**

Position is equal to GS 0025 5-1 Park Ranger (Interp) position in U.S. Government.

